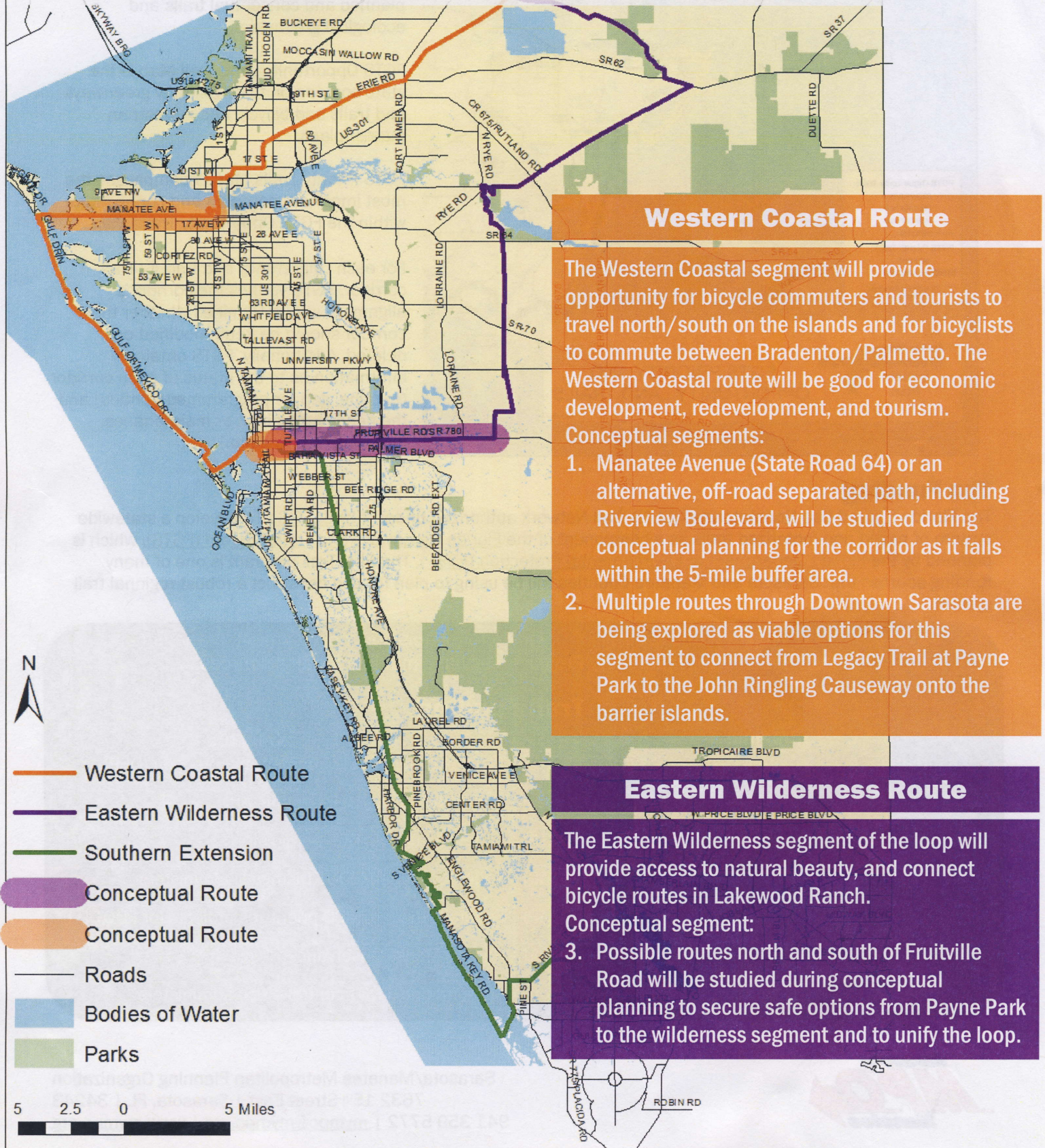


Adopted Priority Regional Trail Alignment for Gulf Coast Trail

Sarasota and Manatee Counties, April 24, 2017

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO adopted priority regional trail alignment follows the existing SUN Trail alignment along the coast. The trail splits into two trails: A **Western Coastal route** and an **Eastern Wilderness route**. These two trails would meet south of the Hillsborough County line, completing the loop, and the trail will cross the Hillsborough County line. Three segments are conceptual and will be studied to determine the best route.



Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Plan

The Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan is a connected statewide system of greenways and trails for recreation, conservation, alternative transportation, healthy lifestyles, a vibrant economy, and a high quality of life.

The Plan



FGTS Plan establishes Florida's vision for a statewide trail network; it includes existing, planned and **conceptual trails** and ecological greenways.

FGTS Opportunity Land Trail Map is the state companion to community greenways and trails and bicycle and pedestrian master plans.

FGTS Priority Trails Map encompasses the most important corridors and connections within the FGTS Opportunity Trails Map

For each Opportunity and Priority Trail corridor, FGTS verifies the corridor's alignment and determines whether the corridor should be kept, modified or deleted. Additionally, FGTS obtains information as to the status of each corridor (existing, gap, or programmed/funded) and the need (acquisition or maintenance, including repaving etc.)

The Funding

The Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network authorized under [339.81, F.S.](#): To develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the [Florida Greenways and Trails System \(FGTS\)](#), which is planned by the [Florida Department of Environmental Protection \(FDEP\)](#). The SUN Trail program is one of many funding sources that Sarasota and Manatee Counties will be using to plan for and construct a robust regional trail system.

A successful trail project requires sufficient funding for acquisition, development, management, maintenance, and marketing. Projects may have multiple funding sources.

Trail Funding

Program	Source
FL Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)	FL Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Federally funded/DEP administers
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	Federally funded/DEP administers
Regional Transportation Alternatives Program (RTAP)	Federally funded/FDOT District 1 administers
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Federally funded/MPO prioritizes projects for FDOT D1
<u>Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund</u>	Rails to Trails Conservancy
Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Network	State funded/FDOT central office administers